

DOCKET SECTION

**BEFORE THE
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Docket No. R97-1

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS FRONK
(MMA/USPS-T32-28 AND 29)**

The United States Postal Service hereby files its responses to the following interrogatories of Major Mailers Association, dated September 16, 1997: MMA/USPS-T32-28 and 29.

Redirected from witness Fronk, each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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MMA/USPS-T32-28. Please refer to your response to MMA/USPS-T32-11(H). When First-Class and Standard letters are processed separately by the same equipment, are the same separation schemes for each class generally used? If not, how do Postal employees modify the separation schemes, depending upon which class of mail is being processed?

RESPONSE: Yes.

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MMA/USPS-T32-29. Please refer to your response to MMA/USPS-T32-21(b). There you refer to the cost pool for culling cancellation and metered mail preparation costs as shown in LR-H-106, page II-11. Please indicate precisely where that cost pool is on that page, and explain how this cost pool is included for single piece letters but excluded for bulk metered letters.

RESPONSE:

The cost pool for culling, facing, cancellation and metered mail preparation costs as shown in LR-H-106, page II-11 is labeled "mods 1CancMPP." It is the 16th row above the last cost pool "Non Mods." The unit cost for this cost pool, .57, is included in the calculation of First-Class single-piece letters, as shown in column 1 of page II-11 and on page II-5. The unit cost for this cost pool is .353 for First-Class single-piece metered letters as shown in column 5 of page II-11. However, the unit cost for this cost pool and the cost pool "BusReply" is not included in the calculation of "Bulk Entered Metered Letters" as shown in column 6 of page II-11.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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